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LLS NO. 12-0361.01 Kristen Forrestal x4217

**HOUSE BILL 12-1141**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101     **CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF THE SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF**  
102             **ADDITIONAL TRAINED HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS TO**  
103             **INCLUDE FIVE-POINT AURICULAR ACUDETTOX.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

Five-point auricular acudetox is acupuncture done on the ear that is often used to treat substance abuse, mental health, and behavioral health disorders. The bill allows mental health professionals and psychiatric technicians to perform five-point auricular acudetox if they

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

have successfully completed the proper training.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 12-29.5-105, **add** (3) as follows:

**12-29.5-105. Unlawful acts - exceptions.**

(3) (a) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE TO THE CONTRARY, A MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS LICENSED, REGISTERED, OR CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 43 OF THIS TITLE AND WHO HAS BEEN TRAINED TO PERFORM AURICULAR ACUDETUX MAY PERFORM AURICULAR ACUDETUX. THE AURICULAR ACUDETUX MUST BE PERFORMED UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL'S CURRENT SCOPE OF PRACTICE.

(b) AS USED IN THIS SUBSECTION (3) "AURICULAR ACUDETUX" MEANS THE SUBCUTANEOUS INSERTION OF STERILE, DISPOSABLE ACUPUNCTURE NEEDLES IN THE FOLLOWING FIVE CONSISTENT, PREDETERMINED BILATERAL LOCATIONS:

(I) SYMPATHETIC;

(II) SHEN MEN;

(III) KIDNEY;

(IV) LIVER; AND

(V) LUNG.

**SECTION 2. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2012.

**SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.